

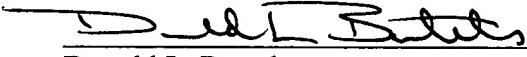
REMARKS

Regarding the claims, Claims 17 and 26-33 were inadvertently cancelled in an Examiner's amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed March 23, 2004. As discussed with Primary Examiner Nguyen in a teleconference on March 31, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 17 and 26-33 were cancelled without authorization from Applicants or Applicants' attorney. As noted to Primary Examiner Nguyen, in the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated November 5, 2003, the Examiner had allowed Claims 1-35 and had withdrawn a previously issued restriction requirement regarding Claims 17 and 26-33.

As approved by Primary Examiner Nguyen in the March 31, 2004 teleconference, Applicants respectfully request herein that Claims 17 and 26-33 be included in the allowed claims for the present application. Consequently, Claims 17 and 26-33 are included in the listing of claims in this amendment. Allowance of Claims 1-35, as approved by Primary Examiner Nguyen, is herein solicited.

The above amendments to the specification and drawings are provided to correct minor typographical errors therein. The foregoing amendment does not introduce new matter. The amendments are for the purpose of placing the application in better condition for printing and issuance.

Respectfully submitted,


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